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THURSDAY, JAN. 13, 1916.

Several "deserving Democrats" are hoping for plums from the President's birthday cake.

Col. House went to Europe to carry those views of the President which could not be sent by mail or otherwise expressed. The Colonel must be a sort of clearing "house" for language.

Roger W. Babson, head of a statistical bureau in Boston, declares that 90 per cent of the prevailing prosperity depended upon the war. And we have been led to the belief for months that it depended upon Secretary Redfield and Doc Pratt of the Department of Commerce.

A Texas educator declares that he would like to see the United States run by professors. In his attempt to do that very thing Professor Wilson has run Congress into a muddle, the Democratic party out of existence, and business to the demeriton howlows. If that does not satisfy the Texas pedagogue, what will?

The Wilson slogan is to be "Peace and Prosperity." Peace at any price, and prosperity because of war. An attempt to make a partisan issue of peace, after asking the entire country to stand behind him in preserving it, irrespective of political affiliations, shows to what lengths the President is driven to find a campaign issue.

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"Pitiless publicity" was the promise, but the administration refused to make public the report of the General Board of the Navy until the demands from the people became irresistible. It does not seem to have occurred to superior officials, who know nothing about naval problems, that the American people would be interested in a report from naval officers who know all about such matters.

So great is the contrast between our present war order prosperity and the deplorable depression in which we labored prior to the outbreak of the war, that most of us forget 1912 and compare our present business status with 1913 and 1914. We rejoice that Christmas business was better this season than last. Still, if bank clearings are any indication, our prosperity is still "spotted" as compared with 1912. Reports from seven of the leading cities show that New York and Philadelphia are the only ones of the seven that report bank clearings as large for the week ending December 25, 1915, as for the corresponding week in 1912.

## Editorial Comment.

By Associate Editor.

Democratic prosperity is blood bought.

Do we not esteem freedom as highly as peace?

The American flag now protects stay-at-homes only.

The President has cut his honorem in half "to keep us out of war."

No doubt this "long" session of Congress will prove to be too long for the President.

Now the question is, what will be the next subject upon which President Wilson will change his mind?

The "preparedness" now advocated by Mr. Wilson seems to be preparedness for the presidential campaign.

Had not the early settlers believed in preparedness for Indian depredations there would now be no U. S. A.

A slump of \$9,824,000 in the treasury balance in the seven days ending December 15 is shown by the daily treasury statements.

Very appropriately, one of the first acts of the new Democratic Congress was the passage of an urgent deficiency appropriation.

The demand for a "disavowal" in the Ancona case leads the New York Sun to inquire for the percentage of disavowals to demands.

The announcement that the Nobel peace prize will not be awarded this year means that Mr. Bryan still has something to look forward to.

The "Pitiless Publicity" of President Wilson has not been applied to the missions of Colonel House to Mexico or Europe—neither is it applied to the Democratic caucus.

## Legislation Without Information.

This seems to be the official New Year greeting adopted by the Democratic administration. The legislation proposed, including as it does a comprehensive plan for greatly increasing army and navy appropriations, is regarded by many as the most important ever undertaken in this country.

Yet in spite of this, administration leaders propose to close to Congress one of the most important sources of information bearing upon national defense. Orders have been issued that army

officers with views upon national preparedness must refrain from discussing them with or before members of the military committees of the House and Senate.

If the administration program of preparedness is for defense of the country and not defense of the Democratic party at the 1916 polls, this order muzzling the officers of the army, especially those of the general staff, must be regarded as a grave error.

Representative Kahn of the Military Affairs committee, regards the matter in a very serious light. "Accurate information is the one essential for the intelligent enactment of any legislation," said the California representative. "It is doubly important in the consideration of the proposed national defense program, dealing as it does with adequate protection for the homes of our people, their industries, and the honor of our flag and of our country."

"Administration leaders ought to be the last, rather than the first, to hinder the legislative branch of our government in securing facts that in any way would aid in the passage of intelligent laws for national defense."

Impatience over the secretive policy of the administration is not confined to members of the Military Affairs committee. Representative Miller of Minnesota, of the Insular Affairs committee, bitterly criticized the President for suppressing information about Philippine conditions.

"American honor is at stake in the Philippines," said Mr. Miller. "During the terms of three former presidents a splendid non-partisan governmental force was established. President Wilson wiped this out, substituting inexperienced Americans and natives."

"Could we know the truth we would learn of a government whose efficiency is vastly reduced, under which neither American sovereignty nor American citizenship is decently respected; one under which tens of thousands have died from cholera because health safeguards were removed; one under which an uprising was started last year."

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